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'We Will Never Forget'

City marks 18th anniversary of 9-11 attacks.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was an unimaginable act of terrorism that took the lives of 13 Alexandria residents on Sept. 11, 2001. On Wednesday, Sept. 11, the City of Alexandria held a ceremony to mark the 18th anniversary of what remains the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. 2,977 people died in the attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Arlington.

Alexandria firefighters were part of the emergency rescue and recovery efforts at the Pentagon and the hour-long event in Market Square paid tribute to those killed, injured or otherwise affected by the attacks.

Mayor Justin Wilson, acting Fire Chief Corey Smedley, Police Chief Michael Brown and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne participated in the ceremony that honored those who gave their lives to save others and featured the "Return to Quarters" bell-ringing tribute.

Remembering Alexandria's victims of 9-11

Sp. Craig Amundson
Spec. Craig S. Amundson, 28, was assigned to the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel as a graphic artist and was at work at the Pentagon the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Award.

Eddie A. Dillard
Eddie A. Dillard, 54, was a passenger aboard American Airlines flight 77. He left behind a wife of 15 years, Rosemary, and one son, Edrick L. Dillard.

Capt. Robert Edward Dolan
Captain Robert Dolan, 43, was working on the first floor of the Pentagon as head of the U.S. Navy's Strategy and Concepts Branch when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the building. He was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and commander of the USS John Hancock.

Diane M. Hale-McKinzy
Diane Hale-McKinzy, 38, was a civilian employee for the U.S. Army at the Penta-



Lt. Jim Morris, far bottom right, and fellow firefighters from Alexandria and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 11 join soldiers atop the Pentagon to unfurl an American flag during rescue and recovery efforts Sept. 12, 2001. Morris's brother Seth perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



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Steven D. Jacoby



Terence M. Lynch



Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr.



Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel



Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith



Norma Lang Steuerle



Sandra C. Taylor



Meta L. Waller

gon. Born in Lithonia, Ga., she served in the Army for four years before beginning a career in civil service.

Bryan C Jack
Bryan C. Jack, 48, was on American Airlines Flight 77 when the plane struck the Pentagon, where he worked as the head of the Defense Department's programming and fiscal economics division. Jack and his longtime companion, artist Barbara Rachko, were married on June 16, 2001, just 87 days before his death.

Steven D. Jacoby
Steven "Jake" Jacoby, 43, was the chief operating officer of Metrocall and a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77. A community leader, Jacoby sat on the board of

Men Against Breast Cancer and was actively involved with the Camp Fantastic Special Love charity golf tournament as well as Catholic Charities.

Terence M. Lynch
Terence Michael Lynch, 49, was one of three consultants from Booz, Allen and Hamilton who perished during a meeting at the Pentagon. On the day of his death, he was attending a meeting to extend survivor benefits to mili-

tary families.

Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr.
Major Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, was a native of Washington D.C. and graduate of St. John's College High School. In 1991 he graduated from Howard University as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was working at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel
Cmdr. Robert A. Schlegel, 38, followed his father and brothers in the Navy. Prior to being posted to the Pentagon, he was executive officer of the USS Arthur W. Radford, a 9,000-ton destroyer.

Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith (Ret.)
Retired Army Lt. Col. Gary Smith, 55, was at a meeting at the Pentagon when American Airlines Flight 77 struck. A resident of Wayneswood, Smith coached his daughter's soccer teams, kept time for the West Potomac High School track team and was a fixture at high school football games on Friday nights.

Norma Lang Steuerle
Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, was active in the Old Town community as a clinical psychologist and through Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. She was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 en route to visit a daughter in Japan and her husband Eugene, who was teaching a seminar in Singapore.

Sandra C. Taylor
Sandra Carol Taylor, 50, worked as a civilian for the U.S. Army for 30 years and at the Pentagon for almost 10. She was a volunteer at the Hospice of Northern Virginia and at the time of her death was engaged to Timothy Dudgeon.

Meta L. Waller
Meta L. Waller, 60, was a 12-year civilian employee of the U.S.

Army at the Pentagon and was at her desk when the hijacked airliner struck the building. Named after her grandmother, the African American sculptor Meta Warrick Fuller, Waller received a master's degree in government from Harvard University and was active in civil rights affairs.

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Leaning on Developers

Are developers doing enough to make sure Alexandria has enough affordable housing?

City officials say it's a delicate dance, encouraging developers to build housing for the crush of people coming to Alexandria while also encouraging construction of new affordable housing units. Requiring too many affordable housing units might scare off developers, leaving the city with a shortfall of market-rate housing and spiraling costs. The result of all that push-and-pull is that developers end up contributing a stock of affordable housing that some say is inadequate.

"Puny" is how Councilwoman **Del Pepper** described it this week, adding that she worried that people in Alexandria might end up being forced to move to Manassas.

The days of wine and roses may be over for developers. This fall, city officials are planning to come up with a new proposal to make sure that they're delivering enough units to handle the dreaded Amazon Effect.

Goodbye, Columbus

He didn't really discover America. He wasn't battling the notion that the earth was flat. And his name wasn't even **Christopher Columbus**.

The explorer **Cristoforo Colombo** was revered by generations of Americans as a kind of Italian-American heritage celebration every October, commemorations that started in New York and spread to Chicago and other urban areas. By 1934, Congress declared it a federal holiday, and the Virginia General Assembly followed suit to make it an official state holiday as well.

These days Columbus has fallen out of favor, a figure viewed by many as a genocidal zealot symbolic of generations of prejudice and discrimination. That's why the Alexandria City Council is saying goodbye to Columbus Day and hello to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

"Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day would be a crucial first step in acknowledging the deliberate and systematic oppression of indigenous people," said Councilman **Mo Seifeldein**, who helped craft a resolution with Vice Mayor **Elizabeth Bennett-Parker**. "Indigenous people have been and continue to be the victims of prejudice and systematic discrimination, which perpetuate high rates of income inequality and exacerbates disproportionate health, education and social standing."

The resolution, which passed unanimously this week, does not specifically mention the Washington football team. But it does call on sports organizations to cease "heinous use" of indigenous people as mascots.

Big Old Kettle

During the dark days of the Depression, neighbors in Del Ray responded to the economic crisis by — what else — throwing a huge party. Alexandria native **Norman Grimm** described the annual celebration to city archeologist **Pam Cressey** during a 2005 oral history, locating it in the yard outside the Poor House at the intersection of Monroe Avenue and Route One.

"It had a big old kettle," explained Grimm. "Everybody brought whatever they had, threw it in. Potatoes, carrots. I don't care what, you just throw it in there."

While officials from the city's recreation department built a fire under the kettle, children from the neighborhood played in the open fields. After the games were over, everyone would gather and use the cans they brought the vegetables in to dip into the kettle and enjoy the Del Ray gumbo.

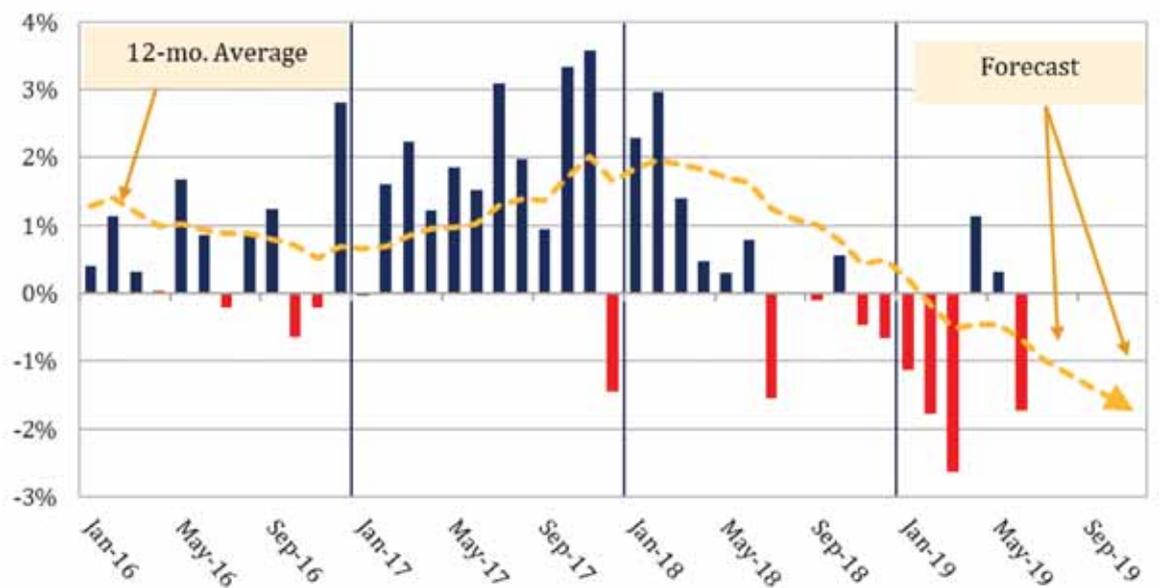
"It was so beautiful," recalled Grimm. "You didn't realize it when you were doing it what was happening, but everyone was togetherness, everybody at Del Ray."

This week, the Alexandria City Council voted unanimously to honor that memory by renaming a plot of land near that celebration currently called Simpson Triangle to Kettle Park. A public hearing for this name change is scheduled for this weekend.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

Washington Region Leading Index
Monthly Over-the-Year Percent Change



Source: The Stephen S. Fuller Institute at the Schar School, GMU

Dismal Science

Construction permits are down and unemployment claims are up, raising red flags for economists.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Don't look now, but your economy may be tanking.

A new report from the Stephen Fuller Institute at George Mason University paints a grim picture for the Washington region, including a forecast for the near future that's significantly in the red. The folks at the institute make a habit of looking at something they call the "Washington Region Leading Index," cocktail of data on construction permits, retail sales, unemployment claims and consumer expectations. Alarming, the numbers are worsening in all those categories.

"We've run out of the easy growth, and people are starting to get nervous," said Jeanette Chapman, deputy director of the Fuller Institute. "Part of that is a federal story, and around here we feel that pretty acutely."

The Washington Leading Index has been heading into the red since last spring, a slowdown that mirrors the downturn in the national economy. In ordi-

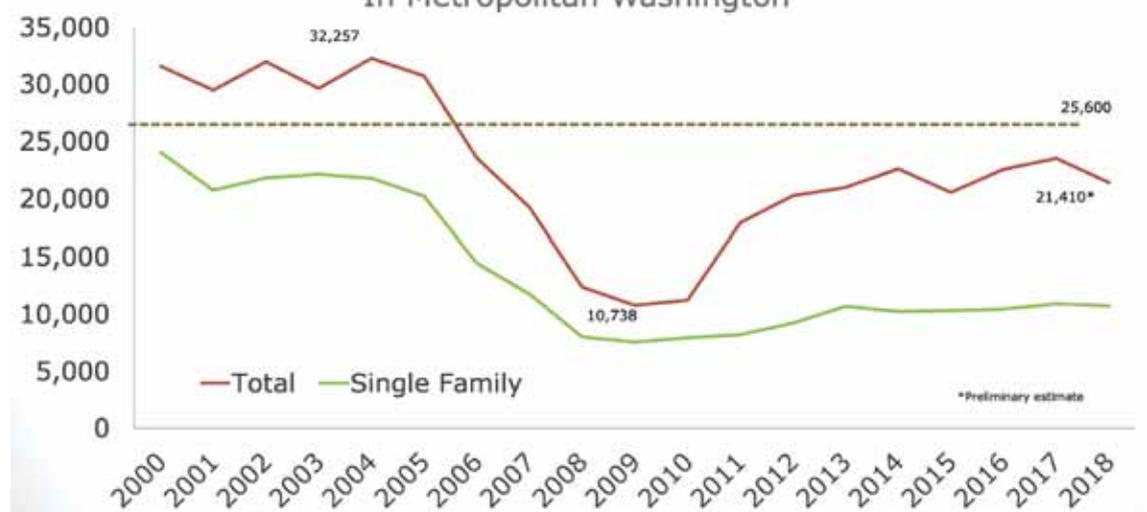
nary times, the Fuller Institute might brush that aside and remain bullish about the resilience of the region. But the latest issue of the institute's usually staid Washington Economy Watch raised some red flags about the current state of affairs.

"These are not ordinary times," declares the September issue of Washington Economy Watch, "when national and global economic policy is being formulated on the fly, communicated on Twitter, and can be reversed on a whim."

Alexandria City Manager Mark Jinks acknowledges the city is not recession proof. But, he adds, the current situation in Alexandria is stronger than the region. Part of that is Northern Virginia's relationship with the military industrial complex, which is likely to continue going strong even if the economy tanks. Plus, he says, the construction business is booming and the region doesn't have enough housing units for all the jobs that are being added.

"The future of the economy always concerns us," said Jinks. "Where interest rates are, we're in uncharted territory. So we're all going to have to watch it carefully."

Housing Construction Permits by Year
In Metropolitan Washington



SOURCE: ALEXANDRIA CITY GOVERNMENT

REMEMBER

A Hero's Return

Veterans salute remains of slain soldier.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Veterans and first responders from across the Washington region gathered in Alexandria Sept. 10 to salute the remains of Master Sergeant Jose J. Gonzalez as the casket of the Special Forces Green Beret arrived from Delaware's Dover Air Force Base in preparation for burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

A police escort led a caravan through the streets of Old Town to Cunningham Turch Funeral Home on Cameron Street, where Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and

former mayor Allison Silberberg joined members of the Alexandria Fire Department, American Legion and Patriot Guard Riders in silent salute to the fallen hero.

"It was important for us to be here today," said American Legion District 17 Commander Jim Glassman. "He was a hero and made the ultimate sacrifice for this country."

"He was a hero and made the ultimate sacrifice for his country."

**American Legion District 17
Commander Jim Glassman**

A private memorial was held at Cunningham Turch for Gonzalez, one of two Green Berets from the Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) who was killed in the line of duty Aug. 21 in Afghanistan. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery took place Sept. 11.

Gonzalez, 35, died along with MSG Luis F. Deleon-Figueroa, 31, in Afghanistan's Faryab Province as the result of small-arms fire. Both were assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group at Eglin AFB in Florida and dozens of Special Forces Green Berets were on hand to salute their fallen comrade. A native of California, Gonzalez had been with the

7th Special Forces Group since 2014, serving as an engineer sergeant. He had previously deployed to Afghanistan in 2016 and had deployed to South America, the 7th Group's primary area of responsibility, in 2014 and 2018.

Gonzalez was also deployed twice as a Marine, in 2003 and 2005, and deployed as an Army infantryman in 2009. He was

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PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Green Berets from the Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) salute as the remains of Master Sergeant Jose J. Gonzalez arrive at Cunningham Turch Funeral Home Sept. 10 in Alexandria. Gonzalez was killed in the line of duty Aug. 21 in Afghanistan and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery Sept. 11.



Green Beret from the Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) carry the remains of Master Sergeant Jose J. Gonzalez into Cunningham Turch Funeral Home Sept. 10 in Old Town.

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Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter, center back, attends the Guest House Barbecue and Bingo fundraiser Sept. 5 at the new Guest House facility on South Payne Street. With Porter are former Mayor Kerry Donley, second from right, board chair Denise Tordella, Executive Director Keri Galloway, and board members Peter Lunt and Deborah Minor.



Laura Harrell-Mitchell, center, proudly shows off her t-shirt as fellow residents Ericka Miller and Kayla Landes agree with the slogan "we believe that your past does not define your future."

Double Celebration; 45 Years of Guest House

Helping women successfully reenter the community from incarceration.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

It looks like any other neighborhood house in Del Ray with a well kept yard and a cozy living room with a comfortable couch and magazines. But Guest House is a residential program for recently-incarcerated non-violent women offenders to help them successfully reenter the community. It is the only residential house of its kind serving women in Northern Virginia.

This week they are successfully celebrating 45 years since opening the first Guest House at One East Luray Ave. and the opening of a second Guest House at 120 South Payne Street.

Keri Galloway, Executive Director, says when she came 14 years ago there were nine beds, and she was the only full-time staff. The State Department of Corrections increased the allocation to 17 beds five years ago and to 26 beds two years ago, nine housed in the East Luray residential facility and the remainder off-site. "They have constantly urged us to add new beds."

Now the Guest House program is able to open a new residential facility on Payne Street that will increase the bed allocation to 30 women. "This will allow us to move 21 women who have been temporarily housed to our new residential facility."

She says the 21 women were housed in the Hamlet apartment community but it wasn't ideal. "We know the residential model works." The new residential location is close to Del Ray and to some

of their community partners. Galloway stresses they use their community partners as much as possible. "We've been lucky to have them."

Galloway says the Department of Corrections contract pays for about 2/3 of the Guest House program. "We have to meet a lot of very stringent goals under this contract. For instance, unless the women are at work we have to know where they are every couple of hours, and in what vehicle."

Fundraisers, grants, assistance from local jurisdictions and "pretty much anyone who will help" supplement program needs not paid for by the Department of Corrections. Galloway points out that one of these important extras which is essential to the success of the program is a new Workforce and Development class held five days a week which "we've found is very important." She explains women get an assessment through an evidence-based program where they identify the women's strengths and weaknesses and where they need additional support.

Galloway says they have never had to lobby the legislature for money. "They came to us. We have always had good support from the Department of Corrections and our state legislators." She continues, "well, I think that when you are trying to do good work that people see that. And," she says, "We kept pushing through so that what some would see as a roadblock we would see as an opportunity. We don't believe in no; we believe in go."

Galloway says a recent change



Executive director Keri Galloway, front left, gathers with staff and residents in front of the new Guest House facility on South Payne Street Sept. 5 during the Barbecue and Bingo fundraiser. With Galloway are residents Laura Harrell Mitchell and Kayla Landes, program manager Dan Mallen, residents Ericka Miller and Melissa Barrios, staff members Sonja Allen and resident Amber Brinklow.

in the program has extended the three-month residential stay to six months. The program provides a structured home environment. The houses have bedrooms and baths, kitchen, living room and dining room with meeting rooms

in the basement for counseling sessions or AA meetings. Services and support as well as an individual mentor and case manager are available for each person. Galloway says these women come with trauma, abuse and neglect.

"They have so many barriers. You have to provide structure and build trust. Change can be difficult.

"We petitioned the Department of Corrections to lengthen the time based on best practices research and through experience. We can't expect these women to change their whole life in three months." But she says the disadvantage of extending the residential time period from three to six months is that they received 400 applications which means the women don't turn over as fast and the program can't serve as many women.

An Aftercare program helps clients for up to two years after the residential program and assists them as they transition into independent living. If a person completes the entire program, Galloway says the recidivism rate is less than 15 percent.

Galloway praises the staff. "It's so amazing what they do." Since she came as the only full-time staff member, they have grown to 12 full time staff and 20 part time including operations, case managers, mentors, development and office application. "The staff has made a really big difference."

Galloway says, "This is the hardest thing I've done in my life and can be mentally exhausting, but it can also be incredibly rewarding. When you get to be with people when they are changing their lives, it is pretty significant. To be able to walk by their side has made me a better person."

For more information contact Friends of Guest House at: 703-549-8072 or info@friendsofguesthouse.org

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BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SAFETY

Free Medication and Firearm Locking Devices. The City of Alexandria is offering free locking medication boxes and firearm trigger or cable locks as part of Lock and Talk Northern Virginia. Alexandria residents and employees may call 703-746-3436 to obtain these free life-saving devices. Suicide can be prevented. Anyone at risk of suicide, or who knows someone at risk, should get help right away. Call PRS CrisisLink at 703-527-4077, text "CONNECT" to 85511 or call City of Alexandria Emergency Services at 703-746-3401. For life-threatening situations, call 911 immediately.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

Alexandria City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 King St. Public Hearing and Consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission's June 25, 2019 decision to approve a Preliminary Plat of Subdivision (SUB #2019-0003) at 2911 & 2915 Holly Street to subdivide four existing lots into three lots. Call the Department of Planning & Zoning at 703-746-4666 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/dockets to access dockets, applications, staff reports and meeting webcasts.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

Multi Faith Prayer Circle. 3 p.m. at the tree on Montgomery Street between Patrick and Henry streets. Multi Faith Prayer Circle usually meets the 2nd Sunday of the month. Although the Prayer Circle initially met as the result of two murders in that spot; they have expanded their prayers to include the neighborhood, the children of Alexandria, the City, and beyond. Meet at Lost Dog Cafe afterwards for fellowship. Email rfaircloth@aacc.edu for more.

Survey Deadline. Every other year, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) conducts a needs assessment to understand the community's desires for its park, recreation, and arts facilities and programs. The information gathered through the needs assessment survey helps determine priorities, develop budgetary needs and improve services. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation to learn more about the RPCA Needs Assessment Survey and see previous results.

Application Deadline. Energy Masters, a program that promotes a more energy efficient and sustainable community, is now accepting community and student (age 16 or older) volunteer applications for the 2019-2020 training program, which begins in October. To date, more than 220 volunteers have been trained and performed thousands of hours of community service to improve energy efficiency in the homes of more than 950 families living in affordable housing in Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. Visit ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/energy-masters.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 18

Hands-Only CPR. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at United States Trademark and Patent Office, Dulany Gardens, 300 Dulany St. In honor of National Preparedness Month, The City of Alexandria encourages everyone to prepare themselves and their loved ones for various disasters that may occur throughout the year. This training, which provides participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Fire for more.

Board of Architectural Review Public Hearing. 7 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. View the preliminary docket at alexandria.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=57. Contact Al Cox at 703-746-3833.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Kids Consignment Sale. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Hosted by MOMS Club of Alexandria. Find deals on top brand kids clothes, toys, and gear. Free admission. Email rosemary.voulgaris@gmail.com or call 617-922-3422 for more.

Community Meeting. 1-3 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The City of Alexandria invites the public to attend the first of several community meetings about the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) Community Remembrance Project. The meeting will provide information about the project, including the retrieval of a pillar from the National Memorial for Peace and Justice that memorializes the two documented lynchings in Alexandria's history. Speakers for the Sept. 21 meeting will include Kiara Boone, deputy director of Community Education for EJI. Find the City's Community Remembrance Project page at www.alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 24

Emergency Preparedness Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. At the City's Emergency Preparedness Fair, in addition to hands-only CPR training, representatives from the Alexandria Fire Department; Volunteer Alexandria; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Department of Transportation & Environmental Services; and the Alexandria Health Department will provide the public with information about emergency preparedness and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Fire for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 25

"Until Help Arrives." 1-5 p.m. at Volunteer Alexandria, 123 N. Alfred St. In honor of National Preparedness Month, The City of Alexandria encourages everyone to prepare themselves and their loved ones for various disasters that may occur throughout the year. This training provides information on how to take action in emergency situations while waiting for professional responders to arrive. Space is limited; online registration is required. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Fire for more.

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REMEMBER

A Hero's Return

FROM PAGE 4

posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star and was also promoted posthumously to the rank of master sergeant.

He leaves behind a wife and two children.

"We came from all over," said one member of the Patriot Guard Riders. "Maryland, Washington, Virginia ... the entire region. It's a sad day but an honor for us to pay tribute to one of America's fallen heroes."



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Members of the Alexandria Fire Department salute as the remains of Master Sergeant Jose J. Gonzalez arrives at Cunningham Turch Funeral Home Sept. 10 in Alexandria.



Members of the American Legion, Patriot Guard Riders and others salute the arrival of the remains of MSG Jose J. Gonzalez Sept. 10 in Old Town.



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OPINION

Lack of Transparency on Bank of Alexandria Building

To the Editor:
This letter from HARC to City Council has already be sent to the City. We submit it for publication as so little was made known to the public about the process and the lack of transparency by NOVA Parks.

Dear Mayor Wilson, Members of Council, and City Manager Mark Jinks:

The Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC) recently learned that the existing 40-year lease on the historic Bank of Alexandria building, located at the corner of Fairfax and Cameron streets next to Carlyle House, will expire next year, and that the owner of the building, the NOVA Parks (formerly NVRPA), has issued an RFP regarding the future of the building. The City of Alexandria, of course, is member of NOVA Parks and as a steward has an important stake in outcome of that RFP, not only in terms of historic preservation, but also to ensure that the public interest is protected. As the Bank of Alexandria building is among the most treasured and historically significant

structures in our city, HARC is concerned about the process regarding the RFP itself and opportunities for public input, and for future public access. HARC also would like to offer some specific suggestions for the City to consider.

The Bank of Alexandria building dates from 1807 and was the first bank in Virginia chartered by the First and Second Bank of the United States. The bank as a financial institution played an important role in the economic development of Alexandria and the region. The building itself is one of the few bank buildings from that period remaining south of Philadelphia. The City helped protect the build when the old Mansion House Hotel (later known as the Carlyle Apartments) from 1855 was demolished as part of the restoration of Carlyle House (1752) in the early 1970s. That demolition itself was controversial as the Mansion House building had its own significance, and the bank building had been incorporated into the hotel. Fortunately, not only was the bank saved, it was restored as part of a creative adaptive use effort with NOVA Parks,

to include the original bank lobby on the first floor, part of which was used as a small museum. The first tenant, bank of Virginia, had a branch office in the space and operated the museum space as a public education outreach. The terms of the lease mention both use as a bank and the museum. Subsequently, after Bank of Virginia was acquired and the branch closed, NOVA Parks permitted sublease to a financial company that informally agreed to allow the use of the restored lobby space for outside groups (primarily Carlyle House).

HARC is concerned that the RFP makes no mention of how this important restored space will be maintained or what access the public may have to it in the future. In addition, no public hearings or other opportunities for input are scheduled by the City as a member of NOVA Parks, nor by NOVA Parks itself. As NOVA Parks (and the City as a member) is authorized by the Commonwealth of Virginia as an agency with a mission to conserve and protect Northern Virginia's natural and cultural resources, HARC would

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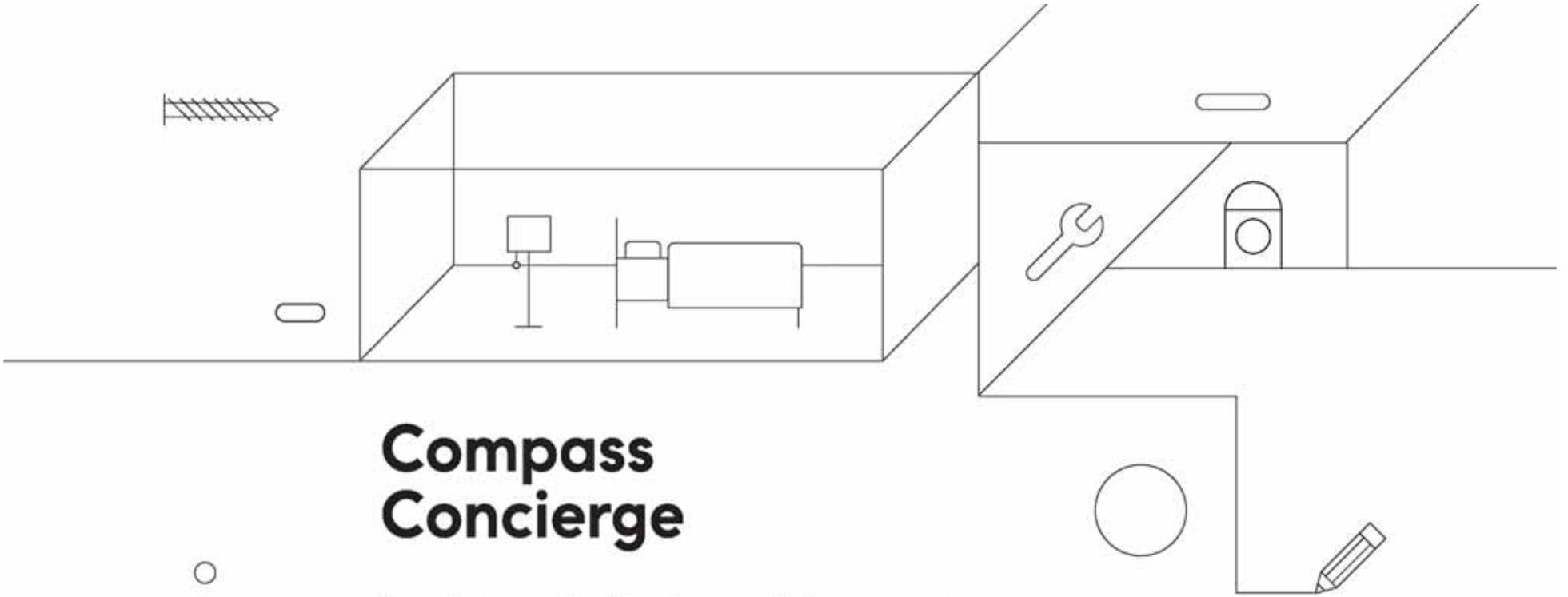
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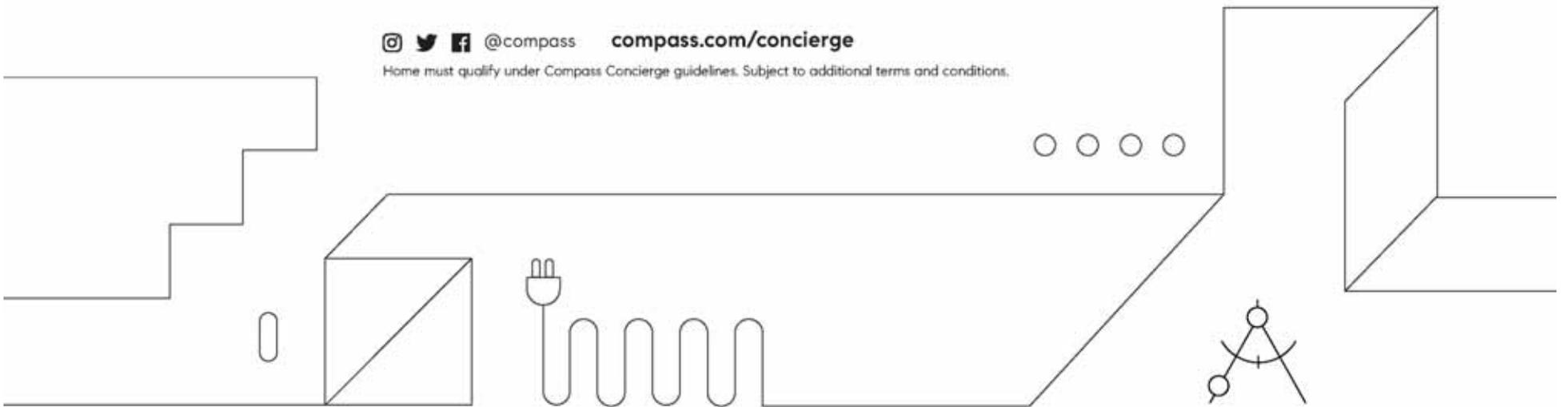


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COMPASS

OPINION

39,773 Gun Deaths in US in 2017

To the Editor;

If we are going to have a discussion about gun violence and mental illness, we must start with the fact that mass shootings are a rare event. Mass shootings accounted for less than two-tenths of one percent of the homicides in this country between 2000 and 2016. Gun deaths on the other hand happen every day, most of them suicides. In 2017 we had the highest number of gun deaths since 1968 at 39,773 deaths. More than 23,000 of these were suicides.

Each and every time there is a mass shooting, which sadly has been increasing, too many people blame it on mental illness. No one who is sane would do such a thing they say. So, they must be mentally ill. Mental illness is not a vague term, but rather, a whole group of brain-related health conditions that can be diagnosed and treated. Most people with a mental illness are far more likely to be victims of crime than criminals and account for about four percent of violent crime in the United States.

In a study of 63 active shooters and how they behaved before the shooting, the FBI concluded that 16 had a confirmed diagnosis of mental illness. Those doing the study noted that statements that all active shooters have a mental illness "are misleading and unhelpful."

So, who are these mass shooters? Data tells us that they are from all sorts of backgrounds, mostly male and often have a strong sense of injustice. They feel they have been treated unfairly by society and that no one cares. They may have problems with authority and openly admire mass shooters. They may be seeking revenge and are stressed by a variety of factors including finances, jobs, relationships, the abuse of drugs and alcohol, sexual distress or the stress of caregiving. They may or may not have suffered trauma or abuse as a child.

They probably believe that violent action is an answer to their problems; they have a target in mind; they have access to the weapons they need; and they have no moral or ethical

constraints. They may spend time on the internet talking about their grievances, searching out groups of like-minded individuals or could be a lone wolf going his own way. Despite all the descriptions of potential shooters, there are no accurate predictors of future violence.

So what do those of us who care about mental health do both to protect the vulnerable and lessen the violence? Become advocates for rational solutions to the problem of violence and respond to this national moment of fear and unease to make changes.

One obvious way to lower the number of gun deaths is to take away weapons from those who are at risk of committing suicide or doing violence. Several states have already passed what are known as red flag laws, or more accurately, extreme risk protection orders. What the order does is temporarily take away any guns from someone who is deemed to be at risk to himself or others. The law needs to be fairly written to protect a person's rights, but when properly done can save lives without harming an individual's liberty. Connecticut and Massachusetts are two states where the law has been mostly used to prevent suicide and domestic violence. Since nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths are due to suicide that would definitely save lives.

Another way to save lives is to have universal background checks that eliminate all loopholes. Databases need to be improved with every state cooperating by providing information that can not only keep guns out of the hands of felons but those with a severe mental illness who may be dangerous to themselves or others.

We must insist on better funding for mental health programs, particularly community-based programs. Every time there is a crisis, lip service is paid, funding is increased but things go quickly back to normal with budget cuts being the norm. We have the research, the knowledge, the competent staff, just not the will to pay for everything that must be done.

These budget increases need to occur at the federal, state and local level.

A MacArthur Violence Risk Assessment showed increased potential for violence when mental illness is accompanied by substance use disorder. The answer is comprehensive treatment both inpatient and outpatient, the use of medication assisted treatment and drug courts to send people to treatment instead of jail. In some cases, the drug use is known but not the underlying mental illness. Both need to be treated. Family, friends and the public must understand that there will be relapses and that is part of the illness.

Mental Health First Aid (visit alexandriava.gov/DCHS) and other programs like it need to be promoted so more members of the public understand what mental illness is and how it can be helped. Families should be taught what warning signs to look for and not be afraid to ask that guns be removed from the home when someone is at risk of suicide or hurting someone else. Free gun locks and medicine safety boxes are now also available from the City through the Lock and Talk Program by calling 703-746-3436.

Constant polling these days tells us that people across the country think access to health care is the most important issue facing us. That concern should include access to mental health care because you can't separate the two. Perhaps a series of questions on mental health and mental illness should be part of the next set of presidential candidate debates and should also be the subject of local public meetings. The more people learn what mental illness is and that those with such illnesses can be treated and recover, the more they will reject the fear mongering and misinformation.

Mary Anne Weber
Alexandria

Weber, emeritus editor at the Alexandria Gazette Packet and Connection Newspapers, served for ten years, 2006-2016, on the Alexandria Community Services Board (CSB), four as chair.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Renaming Columbus Day

Since the City Council proposed renaming Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day two weeks ago, I have seen some appalling defenses of the status quo in these pages. The defenses are so odious, they backfire, far more effectively making the case that we should change the holiday name.

First, some letter-writers have argued, other "explorers" were more brutal than Columbus. Splitting hairs over which conqueror killed more people in worse ways misses the point entirely. Others have noted that Columbus should not be blamed for indigenous deaths in this country because he isn't the one who came to North America. This academic handwaving is meant to distract from his role as the figurehead for

European colonization, initiating a centuries long cycle of invasion, enslavement, and genocide all along the shores of the Americas.

The third argument defends European behavior as self-defense: one letter writer described the situation as "kill or be killed." This is an absolutely flabbergasting line of thinking that erases the basic fact that indigenous communities were invaded. Finally, there are those who believe we should not question the foundational mythology of Columbus's "discovery," because doing so calls into question the legitimacy of our presence in North America today. Sounds more like a guilty conscience than a historical argument.

Those who have advocated for removing Confederate memorials in Virginia are familiar with these arguments: "Do not challenge history, or it shall be lost forever." Memorials, statues, and calendar

days are not history, they are the manifestations of what a society chooses to valorize. Having Columbus on a pedestal is an acknowledgment that invasion, exploitation, and slaughter for economic gain are American values; keeping him there now means we believe we cannot do better, or be better.

Alex Howe
Alexandria

"Do the Right Thing" on Seminary

It is 788 days until the next Alexandria City Council election, but the first shot over the bow will be fired on Sept. 14 during what is expected to be a lengthy and contentious City Council hearing over

the fate of Seminary Road.

Depending how the 7 members of the Council vote, it could determine whether they will still be in office in 2022. This decision should not be taken lightly.

Seminary Road is one of the City's major arterial roads, carrying over 20,000 vehicles East and West every day. It is also a major connector road to King Street, Van Dorn Avenue, Braddock Road, Quaker Lane and Duke Street.

No one disputes that Seminary Road is due for the routine maintenance via asphaltting the road.

What is widely disputed is whether the "Wish List" of Mayor Justin Wilson and TES head Yon Lambert, to ram through a "Road Diet" forced dictum, will prevail in spite of massive public resistance to this poor plan.

The Pied Piper duo of Wilson and Lambert are spearheading this
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OPINION

Reaction to Assault Weapons at Alexandria Farmers Market

Commonwealth could allow localities to regulate the public carriage of assault weapons.

BY SEN. SCOTT SUROVELL (D-36)



Every Saturday morning, my father and 12 year-old son go to the Alexandria Farmers Market. My son gets cookies. My dad gets ham biscuits. Two weeks ago, they brought me some homemade salsa. This weekend, they got something else.

Four men in a group called “The Right to Bear Arms” showed up at the Alexandria City Farmer’s Market carrying AR-15 assault rifles outfitted with scopes and bipods for sniping. According to a video of one of the group members, they staged this action to “educate people” about gun rights and “exercising our constitutional rights without fear to do so.” The video is also filled with the usual references to freedom and the government taking away rights if you do not use them. He also indicated they intended to do these kind of “monthly walks.”

While the current President has lowered the bar for socially acceptable political conduct and while this was technically legal, this was outrageous.

Malvo and Muhammad terrorized Northern Virginia for two weeks using an AR-15. Every time I hear that word, it triggers memories for me of the ten people who were murdered and three others, including a 13 year-old child, who were shot in 2002.

Those memories have only been reinforced by more recent carnage inflicted by the AR-15 including Poway, Aurora, Orlando, Parkland, Las Vegas, Sandy Hook, Waffle House, San Bernardino, Sutherland Springs, El Paso, Tree of Life and Midland/Odessa two weeks ago.

The sight of an AR-15 in public is anything but reassuring.

These “education lessons” are extremely dangerous. Perusing a farmers market with an assault rifle in a country that sees an assault rifle related mass shooting about six times per year is more likely to promote shock, fear, and terror than it is likely to

“educate” anyone. If anything, the presence of an AR-15 is more likely to incite violence than to deter it.

The United States and Virginia are currently being strangled by a small minority who wield political power orders of magnitude larger than their numbers.

Background checks are supported by over 90% of the public. “Red Flag Laws” that would allow judges to take guns away from dangerous persons are supported by over 80%. Laws limiting ammunition clips are supported by over 60% of voters. Assault weapon bans have majority support. None of these bills are capable of passing Republican-controlled General Assembly or the U.S. Senate because of internal Republican Party politics.

There is no question in my mind that this past weekend’s actions were not done to “educate” anyone – they were done to threaten, intimidate and terrorize a community that believes firearms should be more tightly regulated. The First Amendment protects speech, but it does not protect physical threats.

While the vast majority of gun owners are law abiding citizens and would never dream of parading their weapons in public spaces, this incident demonstrates there is a minority who are irresponsible. Similarly, while most people drive safely, there are others who would be happy to drive 100 miles per hour on the Beltway.

We have rules to keep our communities safe and control people who are incapable of being either responsible or exercising self-control.

Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria (but not Prince William County) already wisely prohibit the carriage of loaded rifles in automobiles, but this incident only underscores the need for the Commonwealth to prohibit the open carry of assault weapons at a minimum at permitted events or at public assemblages.

Alternatively, the Commonwealth should consider allowing localities to regulate the public carriage of assault rifles to be consistent with the expectations of each local community. I am sure we will be taking this up next session in Richmond.

In the meantime, my advice for this group called “The Right to Bear Arms” is simple: Go home and stay away. You are not doing anything to help your cause. People go to farmers markets to buy local food. They don’t go there for lessons in firearm rights, terrorism, bullying, intimidation or demonstrations of male insecurity.

Feel free to send me any feedback at scott@scottsuovell.org.

Planning for Retirement Years

Meg Newhouse, Ph.D., author of “Legacies of the Heart: Living a Life that Matters,” will lead a workshop on planning for retirement years, Saturday, Sept. 14, 1-4 p.m. at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S.

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This is a free event. Attendees must register by Sept. 12. For more information, 703-228-4878.



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- Art Exhibitions.** Through Sept. 15, Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic, 105 District Ave., Fairfax. For the first time, the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association is sharing its gallery space with a group of student artists. The Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic is a satellite gallery sponsored by the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association. Visit www.torpedofactoryartists.com/mosaic/ for more.
- ❖ "Make Your Mark" is part of the Torpedo Factory Artists' Associations' effort to provide exhibit opportunities for gifted artists in the community. In this show, each of the 13 students taking classes from TFAA artist and arts educator Marsha Staiger present one painting that represents their body of work.
 - ❖ "Animal Kingdom" is the theme of the Torpedo Factory artists' exhibit and will showcase the best of what nature

has to offer, including the wild and the tame.

- Art Exhibit: Habitats.** Through Sept. 22, gallery hours at Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 2. The newest group exhibition Habitats in Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibitions space of Torpedo Factory Art Center, poses the question, "What makes a habitat a home?" The selected artists address these questions and raise new ones. Work is presented in a diversity of media, from sculpture and photography to video and virtual reality. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.
- Art Exhibit: "Patterns & Prints."** Through Sept. 27, gallery hours at Scope Gallery, Studio 19, the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Ceramic Guild potters turn to hot togs as artistry en vogue, showing embossed patterns, aggressive elaborate exteriors and groovy grooving. Colors are confident with saturated statements and contrasts of black and white. Hand-painted touches are the headline talk of the season, with abstracts, urban touches and industrial adornment paving the way. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.
- Art Exhibit: "It's a Jungle Out There."** Through Sept. 29 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Studio 29, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, "It's a Jungle Out There." Cheetahs, lions, rhinos, monkeys, hippos, and the lands that they inhabit serve as inspiration for the pieces in this

show. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

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- Art Exhibit: Revival.** Through Sept. 30 in the Van Landingham Gallery, Studio 311 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. While looking at the darkened doorway of the ruins of Ephesus, a Greek city in what is now Turkey, Marian Van Landingham suddenly envisioned a window to the sky and an innate sense of hope and revival. In her studio in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, founded by her as

an art center in 1974, Van Landingham refines the images that first piqued her interest. Visit www.torpedofactoryartists.com for more.

- Art Exhibit: Silo City.** Through Oct. 13 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 312, 105 N. Union St. An exhibition of photographs by Eric Johnson made in a complex of historic grain elevators and processing facilities in Buffalo, New York. An opening reception is planned for Sunday, Sept. 22, 2-4 p.m. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.
- Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.
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LTA Presents "A Few Good Men"

Riveting military courtroom drama based on events at Guantanamo Bay.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is producing "A Few Good Men," from now through Sept. 28, 2019. This riveting courtroom drama tells the story of military lawyers at a court-martial who uncover a high-level conspiracy in the course of defending their clients, two U.S. Marines accused of murder. Based on events that took place at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in 1986, the play investigates both the nature of our military mentality and the Marine Code of Honor. The show is produced by Robert Kraus.

Director Kathleen Barth said she proposed to direct the play because of her family's military roots – her parents served in the U.S. Army, and her older brother currently serves there. "In fact, my mother's military background closely resembles Lt. Cmdr. Jo Galloway's journey in this play. My mother enrolled and served in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M in the late '70s and early '80s, when women were only recently allowed to join the corps. When she graduated from the corps, she pursued a brief career as an Army logistics officer before transitioning



From left to right: Jonathan Mulberg (Lt. J.G. Sam Weinberg), Brendan Quinn (Lt. J.G. Daniel Kaffee), and Emma Wesslund (Lt. Cmdr. Joanne Galloway) star in "A Few Good Men."

to nursing."

She continued: "The play's primary themes of honor, duty, and service hit close to home for me, hence my profound attraction to this play and desire to direct it."

As far as challenges, she added: "Like many of (writer Aaron) Sorkin's plays and screenplays, 'A Few Good Men' includes a plethora of location changes and flashbacks that ultimately weave

the narrative together. While these plot devices are relatively simple to pull off in film, they can be difficult to stage for a live performance. I decided that the most effective way to convey all of the locations and the flashbacks was to stage this play in a kaleidoscopic manner. To pull this off, I decided we needed a simplistic set that would allow us to designate multiple areas of the stage for various



From left to right: Miguel Rosario (Lt. Jonathan Kendrick), Johnny Goodwin (Cpl. Dunn), Craig Morris (Cpl. Hammaker), Christian Kampe (Cpl. Howard), and John Paul Odle (Lance Cpl. Dawson) star in "A Few Good Men."

locations in D.C. and in Guantanamo. I also pulled lighting into the staging to illuminate the tight areas on stage that we'd use for the various locations and flashbacks."

Emma Wesslund is playing the role of Lt. Cmdr. Joanne Galloway, who works in internal affairs for the Navy JAG Corps. "While desk work wasn't her first choice (in Act II of the play we learn she joined

the JAG Corp because 'they wouldn't let [her] fly the planes or drive the boats.'). she approaches it with rigor and passion. To Commander Galloway, her assignment at internal affairs is an opportunity to make sure things are run properly, all service members are treated with respect, and nobody falls through the cracks. These values lead to her flagging

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The West End's Aslin Beer Company offers a number of large TVs to take in a football game while tasting a variety of craft brews.

3 Spots for Football

BY HOPE NELSON

As the air crisper and the leaves turn, teams across the nation are taking to the gridiron, and legions of fans are taking their seats in pubs and restaurants across town, eager to lead their team to victory. Here are three places to have a bite to eat and a good beer while you take in a football game.

Glory Days Grill, 3141 Duke St.

The sports bar and grill over on Duke Street is a football fan's version of heaven. The sprawling space lacks nothing in the way of televisions; from nearly every vantage point across the multiple dining areas, it's easy to get your fix of football. Looking to listen to a specific game? Turn your table's radio dial to match up with the TV of your choosing and get the play-by-play while you eat.

And speaking of food: Glory Days has many of the pub-fare options you've come to expect from a sports bar – pretzels, onion rings, wings and crab cakes are all in attendance – but the menu spreads out from there. Pastas, tacos and even the Impossible Burger also grace the pages of the menu, appealing to sports fans of many types of taste-buds. Order a beverage from the restaurant's extensive rotating beer list to round out the meal and cheer your team on to victory.

Aslin Beer Company, 847 S. Pickett St.

The city's newest brewery is also a great place to catch a game and have a beer and a bite to eat. The Herndon natives' Alexandria outpost has been open and bustling since midsummer, and already it's

becoming a go-to weekend spot for many residents and visitors. Why not add a game to your reasons to visit? The tasting room sports a number of televisions all well placed to catch all the action.

But of course, the beer is the star of the show. Aslin delivers with a dozen or so selections at the tasting room (with one or two canned varieties to take home at any given time), ranging from IPAs to double and triple IPAs to stouts to pale ales to sours. The brewery also has a food truck whipping up some specials daily to accompany the beers. Like the beer list, the food menu rotates fairly regularly, but light bites and heartier sandwiches are items you can count on.

Charlie's on the Avenue, 1501 Mount Vernon Ave.

Charlie's opened last year with the goal of becoming a family-friendly neighborhood sports pub and hangout, and it's certainly angled its sports-watching experience to be just that. For game-watching purposes, your best bet is the bar area. Several large TVs adorn the space and are just waiting to broadcast a Saturday or Sunday matchup.

Charlie's offers a vast array of beer options to help you cheer your team on (or drown your sorrows after a loss), and many of them are local. Right now, pick up a saison ale from Richmond's Ardent Craft Ales or an Oktoberfest from Port City Brewing just across town. About a dozen options are on offer between the draft selections and bottles and cans, from pilsners to stouts. Paired with local oysters, Cuban nachos, a BLT sandwich or even vegan tacos, you'll be well fortified.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

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SEPT. 12-NOV. 10

“Board | out of our minds!” Gallery hours at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. “Board | out of our minds!” relates to the games we play. The included works exhibit the creative means in which people developed board games to reflect their thoughts and reflections on the role of chance in life. While some are actual games, some refer to the role of games in life. \$2,500 in prizes awarded during opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 15, 4-6 p.m. (free). Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 13-14

Mirror Mirror: Orange Grove Dance. Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 6 and 8 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 King St. The City of Alexandria commissioned a series of original site-specific performances for the sound-responsive, interactive installation Mirror Mirror. Composer and violinist David Schulman and Orange Grove Dance will perform on select dates between July and October. All performances are free and feature lawn seating. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Leave pets at home. Visit alexandriava.gov/publicart for details.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13-15

Anniversary Celebration. The City of Alexandria invites the public to participate in the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial (1001 S. Washington St.). The weekend celebration will feature a lecture by local Contraband historian Char McCargo Bah; a wreath laying at the site; a luncheon to honor descendant families with a keynote

address by National Park Service Superintendent of Fort Monroe National Monument, Terry E. Brown; a curated bus tour of Alexandria's African American heritage sites and an evening candlelight vigil at the memorial. Several events will be free and open to the public. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Historic for details.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

12th Annual 9/11 Heroes Run. 8 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. The Travis Manion Foundation, which is one of the nation's largest veteran nonprofit organizations. Travis Manion Foundation will host the the 9/11 Heroes Run 5K race and 1 mile Fun Run in Alexandria. The Alexandria race will also host the VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial, a 28-foot wide American flag made entirely of dog tags of fallen service members. Visit 911heroesrun.org/alexandria to register.

NVSO Opening Ceremonies.

9-9:30 a.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 South 2nd St., Arlington. Join the fun and cheer for athletes at the opening ceremonies of Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, featuring the carrying of the NVSO Olympic torch, Color Guard presentation and recognition of County officials and patrons. The public is invited, free of charge, to all NVSO events. For more information about events throughout Northern Virginia during the competition, Sept. 14-28, call 703-228-4721, go to www.nvso.us or email nvso1982@gmail.com.

The General's Tour.

10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. A guided walking tour of Robert E. Lee sites in Alexandria's Historic Old Town. \$10 in advance, \$15 gate. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Water Discovery Day.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. The City of Alexandria, AlexRenew and Virginia American Water will host the city's third annual Water Discovery Day. The family-friendly event will include



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The Harmonizers perform at the annual Barbershop Harmony Society convention in Orlando, Florida in July 2018.

Circle of Life

The award winning 80-man Alexandria Harmonizers present “The Circle of Life” with Broadway hits from “The Lion King” and others. The award-winning Sweet Adelines quartet “GQ” and 2015 Barbershop Harmony Society International Champions “Instant Classic” will also perform. Saturday, Sept. 14, 4-6:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 Campus Drive. \$35. Tickets available at www.eventbrite.com/e/circle-of-life-tickets-606671219. Visit www.harmonizers.org for more.

a number of exhibitors and will feature food, family-friendly activities, giveaways, and educational games to inspire a deeper understanding of water, our world's most precious resource. Free. Register at waterdiscoveryday2019.eventbrite.com.

Walk on the Boardwalk.

10 a.m. Meet on the trail across from Tulane Drive. Friends of Dyke Marsh will walk the boardwalk to view Marsh flowers and wild rice. Impress trail-using friends with new-found plant knowledge.

Dyke Marsh Meetup, Walk with a

Ranger. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life.

Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

Inaugural Fundraiser Brunch

Event. Noon-4 p.m. at The Garden, 5380 Eisenhower Ave. (Suite C). Safe Space NOVA is dedicated to providing a safe, accepting, and supportive environment to combat social stigmas, bullying, and other challenges faced by LGBT+ youth and to ensure 14-18 year-olds in the Northern Virginia area have access to an organization and activities that promote equality. The organization has hosted activities including movie socials, laser tag, miniature golf and dances. \$50 includes admission and one drink ticket, with additional drinks available for purchase. RSVP at www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-space-nova-2019-brunch-fundraiser-tickets-67073006167.

Circle of Life. 4-6:30 p.m. at Rachel

M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 Campus Drive. The award winning 80-man Alexandria Harmonizers present “The Circle of Life” with Broadway hits from “The Lion King” and others. \$35. Tickets available at www.eventbrite.com/e/circle-of-life-tickets-606671219. Visit www.harmonizers.org for more.

Sips & Secrets. 7-10 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Celebrate Alexandria's flapper era history and enjoy 1920s drinks, enter dance and costume contests, bid in a silent auction, and more. \$35-\$85. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

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LTA Presents “A Few Good Men”

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a case about two enlisted men in Guantanamo Bay who she feels weren't given a fair chance. This is what she's doing when we meet her at the top of the show,” she said.

She added: “Before working on this play, I didn't know much about daily life in the military, especially for a Navy JAG Officer. It's been invaluable to have so many people in the cast and crew who have served, or have relatives that served to provide insight about what it's like and could coach us on protocol. I've also done a ton of research and was able to speak to a woman who served in the Navy JAG Corps.”

Edwin Kindler plays the role of PFC William T. Santiago, a marine based in Guantanamo Bay. “He is miserable, feels mistreated and he wants nothing more than to be transferred out,” he said.

He said his challenge was the fight choreography, which was fun to learn. “It certainly was not a negative challenge, but it was a fantastic new learning experience,” he added.

As far as audience takeaways, he added: “One point many of the cast and crew have

kept coming back to throughout the entire rehearsal process is that almost every character believes they were doing the right thing. I hope audiences come away asking themselves questions about culpability, and at what point we as individual humans need to take responsibility for our actions. I (and maybe Santiago) may have biased opinions on the subject of who is ‘guilty,’ but I hope that audiences form their own opinions and leave at the end of the show wanting to talk about them.”

Miguel Rosario is playing the role of 1Lt. Jonathan James Kendrick, who is the embodiment of the Marine. He said he's “accepted and believes in the Corps values to the nth degree, while also slightly twisting them to the point of zealotry and fanaticism. These values neatly align with his faith and his ‘black and white’ views of morality and soldierly virtue.”

For challenges, he said: “It was challenging to manage rehearsal schedules with current family and active duty military commitments while still arriving at each rehearsal fresh and ready to perform. Maintaining fresh vocal cords while also going ‘full throttle’ in rehearsing the platoon

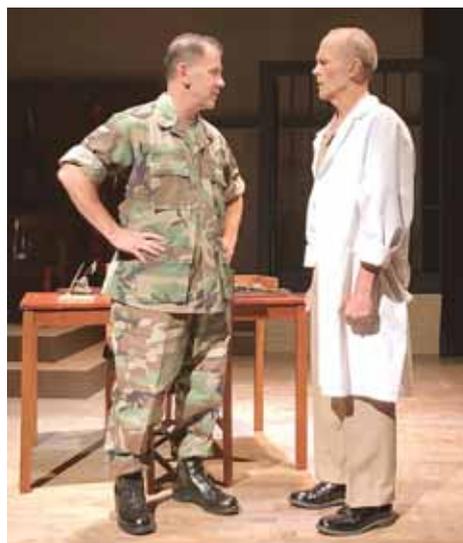


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From left to right): David Kimmelman (Col. Nathan Jessep) and Robert Montgomery (Cmdr. Walter Stone) star in “A Few Good Men.”

scenes was also challenging.”

As far as audience takeaways, he said: “I hope audiences will take away the idea that morality and integrity exist in the heart of

every service member and that the Corps values of our institutions (while imperfect just like there members) have been created and maintained in a manner that still ultimately lead us towards justice and the protection of innocents.”

Jonathan Mulberg is playing the role of Sam Weinberg, one of the three defense lawyers in the play. “He is a family man and best friends with Daniel Kaffey. While not the same caliber of lawyer as Kaffey, Sam Weinberg holds his own and is not afraid to challenge his team and the military establishment to do what is right.”

He added that learning the script was his biggest challenge. “Aaron Sorkin's style of writing is very different than what I am use to as an actor. I also had to make sure that all the legal jargon sounded natural and confident, and that was a major challenge,” he said.

LTA is producing “A Few Good Men,” from now through Sept. 28, 2019. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$21 to \$24. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria, VA. Visit the website at www.thelittletheatre.com.

Hank's Pasta Bar to Rebrand

By HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE

After three years of service, Hank's Pasta Bar in North Old Town is closing its doors for an extensive remodel and rebranding, the JL Restaurant Group announced on Thursday.

In a statement, the restaurant management wrote: "After 3 great years in Old Town, Hank's Pasta Bar is closing to make space for a new, unnamed concept from JL Restaurant Group. At the end of this month, the restaurant will begin exciting renovations that

bring new options to devoted guests, including a seasonal rooftop bar and an expanded regional Italian menu. The new addition will open at the end of 2019 with the same warm hospitality, leadership team, and hand-crafted pasta. Come in before we close to indulge in your favorites! We're thrilled to evolve with this community and are looking forward to a lively, new concept in the same great location. For continued updates, follow @hankspastabar on social media."

Owner Jamee Leeds and her team were not available for further comment.

"Restaurant: Impossible" Seeks Volunteers in Alexandria Visit

The Food Network's "Restaurant: Impossible" visits Alexandria later this month, with Chef Robert Irvine coming to the Foxfire Grill to give it a fresh look and new menu. And the network wants the community to be a part of the proceedings with both the renovation itself as well as Foxfire Grill's grand re-opening. Over the course of two days – Sept. 23 and 24 – Irvine and his team will undertake a full revamp of the Foxfire Grill, bringing a fresh look and feel to the restaurant with a budget of \$10,000. The Food Network production crew is looking for many

hands to make light work as the process gets under way.

First comes the renovation and rebranding effort. Irvine and team are seeking skilled volunteers to help spruce the restaurant up.

"Volunteers may be any licensed or certified individuals in painting, crafting, constructing, remodeling, cleaning, decorating etc. (depending on your skill set). We are always looking for skilled contractors, electricians, plumbers, upholsters' and painters to help out and donate their time but we welcome all skill sets and skill levels always," the Food Network said in a

statement.

No interest in the ins and outs of renovation? No problem. The show is also looking for diners to partake in the Foxfire Grill's grand re-opening. Seatings will be first-come, first-served, based on time of RSVP.

To volunteer for either of these roles, email volunteer@restaurantimpossiblevolunteers.com by 3 p.m. on Sept. 19. For construction assistance, put "1605 VA Volunteer" in the subject line; to try your luck getting a seat at the re-opening, put "1605 VA Reservations."

— HOPE NELSON

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Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Discover the 18th century at Mount Vernon's annual Colonial Market & Fair. Experience early American life with dozens of historic craftspeople and re-enactors. Take in the sights and sounds of the marketplace on Mount Vernon's 12-acre field and chat with colonial artisans selling traditional handcrafted food and wares. Included in general admission (\$20 adults; \$12 youth). Visit mountvernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

Downton Abbey Tours. 2-3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Explore the surprising connections between people and places of the world of Downton Abbey and those of the Lee-Fendall House through special "Downton Abbey" themed tours of the museum this fall. \$10. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Chamber Concert Series. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association sponsors a chamber music series, weekly through Sept. 15, at the Lyceum in Old Town featuring small ensembles and soloists. Free. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.wmpmusic.org or call 703-799-8229.

Live Music: Al Petteway & Amy White plus Eli Lev. 7 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Al Petteway & Amy White's acoustic repertoire includes original, traditional, contemporary Celtic and Appalachian influenced music with occasional nods to Blues, New Age and Jazz – all played on a variety of stringed and percussive instruments. Eli Lev is a singer, songwriter, traveler, and passionate musician. \$18 in advance at www.FocusMusic.org and for FocusMusic, \$20 at the door.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/SEPT. 16-20

Nature for Tiny Tots. 10-11 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Children and an adult will learn about plants, animals and habitats through songs, crafts and activities. These sessions are designed for children age 2-3 and a-half and meet on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays for eight weeks from 10 to 11 a.m. Sessions begin the week of Sept. 16. \$92 per child, and a supply fee of \$5 is due to the instructor at the first class. Adult participation is required. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 17

Jones Point Meetup. 11 a.m.-noon at Jones Point Park, Jones Point Drive. Join a national park ranger to explore the long history of this little piece of land and see the last remaining inland lighthouse on the Potomac River, once a beacon to boat captains and commerce on the river. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/jonespoint.htm for more.

DAR Genealogy Research. 1-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Author and genealogist Eric G. Grundset, longtime DAR Library Director, will speak about the extensive works he has published on the American Revolutionary War and their

importance for genealogists. Free, open to the public. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org for more.

Latin America – DNA Histories. 7-8 p.m. at Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Dr. Miguel Vilar, lead scientist with NGS's Genographic Project, presents how DNA testing in the Caribbean and Latin America have uncovered migration patterns of the region's history. Registration preferred. Free. Email mzimmerman@alexlibraryva.org, call 703-746-1714 or visit alexlibraryva.org/event/3053669.

TUESDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-22

Fall Book Sale. At Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Friends of the Beatley Central Library will hold their Fall Book Sale. Tuesday, 4-8 p.m., Members' Preview (\$15 memberships available at the door); Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. \$4 or less, unless specifically marked: hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and media items. All genres. Discount day on Sunday. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.beatleyfriends.org.

SEPT. 17-23

Celebrate Constitution Week. On Sept. 17, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., Mayor Justin Wilson will sign the official Proclamation commemorating Constitution Week, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The signing marks the country's 232nd birthday. The U.S. Constitution provides the framework of the American government – its principles and structure – and upholds and protects the freedoms Americans hold dear. Participating in the signing are students from four Alexandria City Public Schools: T. C. Williams High School, Samuel W. Tucker and Douglas McArthur Public Schools and Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 18

Performance: Niklas Sivelov. 7-10 p.m. at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington St. Alexandria Sister Cities Committee presents Swedish Pianist Niklas Sivelöv, who returns to Alexandria to perform a varied program with music by Hadyn, Beethoven, Skryabin, and Bartók. Light refreshments will be served. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

Fort Hunt Meetup, Walk with a Ranger. 10:30-noon at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Join a national park ranger on a 1.5 mile walk through historic Fort Hunt Park, be prepared to learn about some World War II secrets. Meet at Area E parking. Free. Call 703-235-1530 for more.

Make and Take Lunch Break Social. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 2425 Eisenhower Ave (on the grassy knoll). Take a real lunch break outside to refuel and recharge with co-workers. Each month a DIY local business will pop-up and offer a themed craft (while supplies last). Email maurisapotts@gmail.com or visit www.FB.com/AlexandriaEcon.

Bagpipe Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Celebrate Alexandria's Scottish heritage with The City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums providing the soundtrack. Enjoy the pipes, drums, and a performance by area Scottish dancers. Free. Visit www.facebook.com/

CityofAlexandriaPipesandDrums.org or call 571-218-2203.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 20

Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Resource Fair. 5:45-7:45 p.m. at the Hylton Education Center on the campus of Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center, 2300 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge. Mental health experts from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Prince William County Community Services, National Alliance on Mental Illness and many more, will gather to take part in this important conversation. Non-profits will discuss area resources, warning signs, behaviors, treatments and/or options when it comes to mental illness and suicide prevention. Free, open to the public. More at pwcmentalhealth.eventbrite.com.

Alexandria Citizens Band. 8-10 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 East Windsor Ave. Join the Alexandria Citizens Band, one of the oldest community bands in America, at their first rehearsals of the season. No auditions, they welcome all who want to have fun, find new friends, and play free concerts. Recruiting volunteer members in all sections – drum, tuba, baritone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, saxophone, flute, clarinet, oboe, and bassoon players. Free. Call 703-920-8675 or go to come-play-with-us.eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Arts on the Horizon 5K Fundraiser. 8 a.m. in Fort Hunt Park. Arts on the Horizon, a nonprofit theatre for children ages 0-6, is hosting their Second Annual 5K Fundraiser. Families are invited to run or walk to support Arts on the Horizon's arts education programs and performances. \$25. Register at www.artsonthehorizon.org/5k-fundraiser.

Gardening Fun for the Whole Family. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Celebrate Fall Garden Day, a day of activities for everyone in the family. Visit with a host of local plant and craft vendors selling everything needed for fall gardening. There will be a silent auction, bake sale, live music, food and a kids' activities table. Admission is free, and the day is an opportunity for a family outing to one of the most innovative public gardens in the mid-Atlantic. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

Walking With Washington Tour. 10 a.m.-noon. Starts at Ramsay Alley at 109 N. Fairfax St. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown. Led by an old-line Virginian with family stories about Washington, this tour focuses on his character and values, and significant people and events in his life and American history where they occurred. Stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, Carlyle House, The Bank of Alexandria, Wise's, Duvall's and Gadsby's Taverns, Washington's townhouse, and Christ Church. Reservations not required. Free. Recommended for ages 10 and above.

Seek and Sketch Hike. 10 a.m.-noon at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Register for the "Sketch Hike Fall Wildflowers ID" program to see how beautiful fall wetland flowers live. Then, learn how to sketch them to keep the memories alive. Drawing materials are included in the cost of the program, courtesy of the RunningBrooke Fund. Designed for participants age 10-adult. \$15 per

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ENTERTAINMENT

Football Night at ASC

Sportsman's Club to host High School Football Coaches Night.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will kick off its 2019 year with High School Football Coaches night Sept. 18, which will introduce to the public Nathaniel Ebel, the new head coach at Episcopal High School.

Held at the Old Dominion Boat Club, the evening will feature remarks from coaches representing all four Alexandria high schools as they preview the 2019-2020 season.

In addition to Ebel, those expected to attend in-

clude Bishop Ireton head coach Charles "Chip" Armstrong, who is in his second year at the helm of the varsity football program, T.C. Williams coach James Longerbeam, who is in his fourth year, and St. Stephen's and St. Agnes coach Bernard Joseph, who is in his 11th year.

The organization will also recognize the Athletes of the Month, student athletes who are nominated by their coach and athletic departments who have shown both academic and athletic prowess in the current athletic season.

The ASC High School Coaches Night is free and open to the public and includes complimentary light dinner and refreshments beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Dominion Boat Club in Old Town (200 Strand St.). The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. with awards for the Athletes of the Month followed by a presentation and Q&A with the featured coaches. www.alexandriavasports.org.

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person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

Wags for Weichert. 10 a.m.-noon at Weichert Old Town, 121 N. Pitt St. Pet Connect Rescue will bring 5-10 dogs that will be available for adoption on the spot. Weichert Old Town is currently collecting pet food, toys, bedding and financial contributions for Pet Connect Rescue and their dog fostering volunteers at their office. There will be refreshments for dogs and their human friends. Call Weichert Realtors, 703-549-8700 for details.

Classic Car Show. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Co-sponsored by Packards Virginia and the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, this Classic Car Show will feature a variety of Packards ranging from the 1930s to the 1950s as well as other "orphan" vehicles that are invited to register as well. Orphan cars are any marque of vehicle built by an out-of-business manufacturer.

Free and open to the public. Call 703-424-5871 or visit www.packardsva.org.

Archaeology Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Gunston Hall will celebrate their annual Archaeology Day, a day dedicated to digging up and discovering the mysteries of the past. Join friends and family for a fun-filled day of activities for all ages including sifting for artifacts, mending archaeology objects, and dressing like an archaeologist. Free with admission. Visit gunstonhall.org/event/archaeology-day/ or call 703-550-9220.

Dyke Marsh Meetup, Walk with a Ranger. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

Crabs and Corn Hole. 1-4 p.m. at Fairwinds Brewing Company, 7000 Newington Road, Lorton. The Key Center PTA is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Crabs and Sides. Tickets are limited. All profits will go to support Key Center School programs. \$55. Visit keycenter.fcps.edu/ or call 703-

313-4000.

Anniversary Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold an anniversary dance with a potluck dinner, 6-7 p.m. and open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 21-22

King Street Art Festival. Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on King Street from Washington Street to Union Street. Historic King Street is transformed into an outdoor art gallery with original fine artwork by more than 200 artists from around the country. Enjoy live music and interactive art activities, as well as The Art League's Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the Torpedo Factory Art Center's 2nd Annual Beer & Wine Torpedo Garden Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Visit visitalexandriava.com/artfest for more.

Crafts at Carlyle. Noon-2 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Crafts at Carlyle is a two-day event that coincides with the King Street Art Festival. Everyone will have their own piece of floor cloth, which they can design and paint after learning about 18th century floor clothes and the patterns found on them. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 22

Downton Abbey Tours. 2-3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Explore the surprising connections between people and places of the world of Downton Abbey and those of the Lee-Fendall House through special "Downton Abbey" themed tours of the museum this fall. \$10. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/SEPT. 23-24

Volunteers Wanted. Restaurant: Impossible is coming to Alexandria and they are seeking enthusiastic

volunteers to work with Robert Irvine and his renovation team as design and construction volunteers on the show. Volunteers may be any licensed or certified individuals in painting, crafting, constructing, remodeling, cleaning, decorating etc. They are looking for skilled contractors, electricians, plumbers, upholsters' and painters to donate their time but welcome all skill sets and skill levels, always. Volunteers only, however, meals will be provided. Must be 18 or older. The volunteer schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Shift #1 – Monday, Sept. 23, noon-7 p.m.
- ❖ Shift #2 – Monday, Sept. 23rd, 7 p.m.-2 a.m.
- ❖ Shift #3 - Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Email volunteer@restaurantimpossiblevolunteers.com by Thursday, Sep. 19, noon (PST) with your preferred shift, full name, email address, cell number and skill set/ related profession (ex: plumber or painter). Use subject line: 1605 VA Volunteer.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 24

Jones Point Meetup. 11 a.m.-noon at Jones Point Park, Jones Point Drive. Join a national park ranger to explore the long history of this little piece of land and see the last remaining inland lighthouse on the Potomac River, once a beacon to boat captains and commerce on the river. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/jonespoint.htm for more.

Restaurant: Impossible - Grand Reopening. 7 p.m. at Foxfire Grill, 6550 Little River Turnpike. Restaurant: Impossible, hosted by Chef Robert Irvine, invites you to Foxfire Grill for their grand re-opening. Be one of the first patrons to see the newly renovated space. Diners pay for their meals. To make a reservation at Foxfire Grill for their grand re-opening, email the Restaurant: Impossible production @ volunteer@restaurantimpossiblevolunteers.com by Thursday, Sept. 19, at noon (PST) with subject line: 1605 VA RESERVATIONS. If selected, a confirmation email will be sent close to the date of the dinner. Guests must be 8 or older. Include contact information (full name, email address, cell number), party size (number of people at your table) and the names of the people in your party.

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Seminary

online crusade, funded by outside money, to cut the current 4 lanes down to only 2 lanes for bikes, and leftover space for cars. The goal is to accommodate a handful of non-resident, non-tax-paying, non-local voting people who are lobby-

ing for bike lanes. This would be done at the expense of the thousands of operators of vehicles who use Seminary street on a daily basis.

The practical issue for biking to work is NOT the route you take, but whether there is a shower

available when you get there. Who wants to sit next to a smelly cyclist all day long at work?!

The facts are not on the side of Wilson and Lambert, nor is residential support by those who pay the salaries for City officials and staff. Among the significant items

to consider are:

❖ The Mayor and some of his Council colleagues continue to ignore the benchmark study organized by Michigan State University on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation. This pre-eminent study has national

implications as well as for cities like Alexandria. It emphasizes that forcing a *Road Diet on any road with more than 10,000 vehicles daily is "problematic"* and should be avoided. Seminary already has twice as many cars as the safe maximum for ANY Road diet.

❖ Similarly, the study found that conversions from 4 lanes to 3 lanes will create *"significant delays when average daily traffic exceeds 10,000 [vehicles]."*

❖ Nor would the Road Diet reduce the *rate of car crashes*, as claimed by its proponents, but could increase them "because of increased volumes in the right lane due to the 2-1-land reduction in a

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Lack of Transparency

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expect such hearings or at least a public process. In addition, there is no transparency in regards to the availability of the property, nor even whether a realtor has been engaged. Even NOVA's FY 2019 budget is silent on any potential sale or lease. While NOVA's lapse may be a matter of oversight, certainly the City can and should step up to solicit public input, and establish some tangible, transparent dialogue with the preservation community and residents at large.

HARC would also suggest to the City that we explore establishing an easement, possibly held by the City (again as we are a member of NOVA Parks), addressing continuing the preservation of the restored lobby and for limited public access to it, both for interpretation and for events, as has been enjoyed in the past to the mutual benefit of both the community and any lessee.

For these reasons, HARC suggests and asks that the City adopt a more active role in securing the future of the Bank of Alexandria building, the RFP process – with organized public input – and exploration of an easement to protect the restored lobby. HARC is not suggesting that the City acquire the building, only that it fully protect the important aspects of the site, public access to it, and continued active interpretation of it. These measures would be fully in keeping with the City's prior role with the site, and would not create new encumbrances.

As always, HARC is available to help and support this effort in any way it can.

Elizabeth McCall
Danny Smith

Co-Chairs, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA UNCLAIMED PROPERTY FOR REPORT YEAR 2019

In conformance with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Unclaimed Property Act, the City of Alexandria is publishing a listing of unclaimed property held at June 30, 2018.

Property Code	Last Name	First Name	Property Code	Last Name	First Name	Property Code	Last Name	First Name	Property Code	Last Name	First Name
705116	AATIQULLAH	KAZEMI	711384	DEL RAY CENTRAL - OPERATING		721695	KUDILAITI	KUERBAN	715244	RITENOUR	CRISTAL
704869	ALEXANDRIA GLEBE ROAD LP		727133	DIBABA	KASSAHUN	722936	KURCIS	JOHN M	726641	RIVERA	KIA
707115	ALEXANDRIA GLEBE ROAD LP		116614	DOGGETT	SHERRILL			OR JODI	717722	ROBERTS	DAVID
709338	ALEXANDRIA GLEBE ROAD LP		718482	DUCKETT	RYAN	716739	LAFEVER	MARK	722344	ROBERTS	JAMES
115446	ALFORD	SHAYONA				723627	LAW OFFICE OF		712308	ROBERTSON	ANGELA
721508	AMBIUS INC		710364	EFFIE L ESTATE OF CARTER			MARK S ALLEN		716451	ROHRER	NICOLE
717854	AMPONSAH	PIUS	701802	ENGSTROEM	ANDERS	719566	LIGAS	OWEN	703040	ROJAS	BRENDY
719389	AMRANE	ALI	710380	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST		717823	LIU	MARY	703041	ROJAS	BRENDY
705209	ANTADILLAS	ISMAEL	726005	ENTITILE INSURANCE COMPANY		720620	LOWE	MICHAEL	120787	ROWLETTE	CURTIS
714985	ARCHEY	WILLIAM	719503	EXPRESS TITLE SERVICES, INC.		703342	LURZ	JESSICA	722874	SARGENT	CARLISLE
714986	ARCHEY	WILLIAM	701870	FEDERAL EXPRESS		702542	MARLOWE	THOMAS	709200	SCHLACK	SARA
116300	ARCHIE	DOUGLAS		FEDERAL EXPRESS		726619	MARSHALL	JEFFREY	117015	SCOTT	SHANNON
718324	ASSURE TITLE, LLC		116319	FINLEY	SONYA	726543	MARSTELLER	ANN	727407	SEID	OUSMAN
717165	ASTATKE	DEREJE	706295	FIRST AMERICAN		726544	MARSTELLER	ANN	721706	SIERACKE	RACHEL
719164	AULT	NANCY		TITLE INSURANCE CO		726545	MARSTELLER	ANN			
724384	AVAIL VAPOR, LLC		709337	FU	ZHE	720114	MBH SETTLEMENT GROUP, L.C.		703216	SNYDER	MATTHEW
722146	AWGECHIEW	ALEBACHEW	722916	FVC BANK		721878	MCNULTY III	WILLIAM	727427	SOUTHEAST GENERAL	
721802	BARKER	WILLIAM	710407	GELCO CORPORATION		706307	MERCEDES BENZ			CONSTRUCTION, INC	
723537	BEAN	RALPH	710408	GELCO CORPORATION			OF ALEXANDRIA		726726	SUSAN	TRAVERS
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116276	BERNEY	KEVIN	705126	GONZALEZ	ANDREA		OF ALEXANDRIA		712723	TADESSE	YESHEIMEBET
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115478	BUTLER JR	COREY	709149	HUMM	PETER	706106	MONROE SQUARE		714343	UNIVERSAL TITLE, ARLINGTON	
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722189	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP		116310	ISLAM	MARYAM	714873	NARANTSATSRAL		706930	URBAN OUTFITTERS	
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712649	CHAMPAGNE	STEVEN	116284	JACOBS	SHAWNA	701573	NETWORK OF FAMILY		721391	UTOPIA SPORTS, LLC	
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717241	CLARK	JOSEPH	714818	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA		714581	OMARY	ABDELHAK	116988	WEBB	CHRISTIA
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717666	CREWS	ALAN	706302	KEY EQUIPMENT FINANCE		725707	REMY	KATHRYN	705774	WINGLASS	JONATHAN
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Telephone: 703-746-4288. The above shall be published in The Alexandria Gazette on September 5, 2019.

LETTERS

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given direction.”

❖ The ‘Deaf Ear Syndrome’ is back in town, with Wilson and Lambert steadfastly ignoring the fact that 13 of the City’s major Civic Associations on the West End fully support retaining the 4-lane configuration of Seminary Road. This represents 9,279 households and an estimated 25,000 to 30,000 voters.

❖ At a large public hearing on Seminary Road on May 30, with standing-room-only, Lambert em-

phatically stated that he and the Mayor will give “equal consideration” to residents and non-residents in assessing the fate of Seminary Road. Seminary has to do with the most efficient mode of transportation for the majority of its residents.

❖ Schools are also caught up in this Seminary Road debate, without adequate concern given to the number of school buses needed to transport students to the 2 preschools, an elementary school and a junior high school. This will be

further complicated when 800 students from MacArthur will be shifted to Patrick Henry, on top of all the students already there, and everyone is vying for road space.

❖ Where is the pragmatic recognition that 2 major 24/7 operations on Seminary cannot be confined to limited road space? That includes the Fire Department and Alexandria INOVA Hospital. And some staff for those two public service and valuable institutions have been told to “keep their
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

Number 28.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 3 (“CITY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES”) of TITLE (“GENERAL GOVERNMENT”) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding a new Section 2-3-5, “Prohibition of Firearms on City Property.” The proposed ordinance prohibits the carrying of firearms in any city-owned building, park, or other property owned or used by the City. The ordinance is based on potential changes to State Code Section 15.2-915 providing the city with the authority for such prohibition. If State Code Section 15.2-915 is not amended, the ordinance is not authorized.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 068.04 of the “Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia,” adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 5001 Eisenhower Avenue from, Office Commercial Medium (100)/OCM (100) to Commercial Residential Mixed Use (High)/CRMU-H with proffers in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2019-0001. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2019-0001, to rezone the property at 5001 Eisenhower Avenue from, Office Commercial Medium (100)/OCM(100) to Commercial Residential Mixed Use (High)/CRMU-H with proffers.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 4 (STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING) of Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by amending Section 10-4-8 (PARKING FOR MORE THAN 72 CONTINUOUS HOURS). The proposed ordinance updates the City Code to continue to allow the 72-hour rule exemption, which allows residents to apply to park on the street up to 14 days. The proposed ordinance increases the number of allowable exemptions per vehicle per year from four to five.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-93 (PARKING METERS; HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION; MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS; RATES) of Division 1 (PARKING METER LOCATIONS) of Article G (PARKING METERS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance updates the language of the City Code by removing the four-hour maximum time limit on parking meters. However, meter hours would still be set by council resolution, as per Section 5-8-93(a) of the Code of the City of Alexandria.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of 500 Wolfe Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for a fence at that location, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia. The proposed ordinance permits the home located at 500 Wolfe Street to install a fence at that location.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment NO. 2019-0004. The proposed ordinance accomplished final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2019-0004 to establish Coordinated Development District

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 067.02 of the “Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia,” adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 600 South Pickett Street from I/Industrial to CDD#28/Coordinated Development District #28 in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2019-0005. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2019-0005, to rezone the property at 600 South Pickett Street from, I/ Industrial to CDD#28/Coordinated Development District #28.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-0002 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-0002 to divide Block 15 into Blocks 15 an 15A approved by the City Council on July 9, 2019.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 072.02 of the “Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia,” adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning a portion of 2393 Mill Road from UT/Utilities an Transportation zone to CDD#2/Coordinated Development District #2, for 2395 Mill Road from OCM(100)/Office Commercial Medium (100) zone to CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2 and UT/Utilities and Transportation, for a portion of 2403 Mill Road from OCM(100)/Office Commercial Medium (100)zone and UT/Utilities and Transportation zone to CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2 and UT/Utilities and Transportation in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approve by city council as Rezoning No. 2019-0003. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2019-0003, to rezone a portion of 2393 Mill Road from UT/ Utilities and Transportation zone to CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2, for 2395 Mill Road from OCM(100)/Office Commercial Medium (100) zone to CDD #2/ Coordinated Development District #2 and UT/ Utilities and Transportation, for a portion of 2403 Mill Road from OCM(100) / Office Commercial Medium (100) zone and UT/ Utilities and Transportation to CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2, for a portion of 2415 Mill Road from OCM(100)/ Office Commercial Medium (100) zone to CDD #2/ Coordinated Development District #2, and for a portion of 2421 Mill Road from OCM(100)/ Office Commercial Medium and UT/ Utilities and Transportation zone to CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2 and UT/ Utilities and Transportation.

PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the recommendation from the City Council Naming Committee to Change the name of Simpson Triangle to Kettle Park.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. If the mayor finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting, this meeting will be continued to the following Saturday September 21, 2019. GLORIA SITTON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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Legals

ABC LICENSE
Dutpiz Inc trading as Sicilian Pizza, 1504 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, Virginia 22301-1718. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer on and off Premises/Delivery Permit license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Dogan Turker, President. NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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OBITUARY

Lori Lee (Koscik) Mackey

Lori Lee (Koscik) Mackey, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away at age 56 on August 18, 2019, after a valiant battle with leiomyosarcoma. Lori was born in 1962 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and met her husband Terry at the University of Wisconsin while pursuing her degree in psychology. Terry and Lori were married in 1990 and have lived in Virginia for the past 30 years, where they raised their daughters Teresa (Tess) and Allison (Allie).

Lori was preceded in death by her sister, Kari. In addition to her husband and daughters, Lori is survived by her father, Edward Koscik, her mother Nancy Brown, and numerous relatives.

Lori was known for her kindness, compassion, and outgoing spirit, making everyone she met an instant friend. She was often seen chatting to friends and neighbors, and was an energetic champion of causes she was passionate about.

A funeral service is planned for Saturday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m., at St. Mary's Basilica in Alexandria, followed by a reception in St. Mary's Lyceum. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Foxcroft School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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mouths shut" and not interfere in this process. That is verbal censorship.

In a city of 160,530 people, only 7 people get to vote on the outcome for Seminary Road.

We'd ask them all to "do the right thing." If not, they will drag Alexandria into yet another series of Court battles, with taxpayer monies used to fight against the city's own residents. The examples abound, including issues like the Karig Estates, Potomac Yard Metro and its wetlands, development of the waterfront and the behind-the-scenes discussions tied to BRAC.

Nothing in recent decades has unified the residents like the Battle for Seminary Road. The ball is in the Council's court. Don't take us for granted.

Kathleen M. Burns
Alexandria

Keep Lanes Open on Seminary

To the editor:

I am a frequent bicycle rider in Alexandria and I oppose closing any automobile lanes on Seminary Road.

I think it is a bad idea to cause congestion for many drivers for a bicycle lane that is unneeded and by current estimates will be little used.

I am glad that Alexandria a while ago changed its laws to allow bicycle riders to use sidewalks where there is low pedestrian activity. That is what I do. When there are pedestrians I move to the road.

Gerald Chandler
Alexandria

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Time and Again



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not to be morbid in the least – or self-indulgent in the most (last week's column, "Something or Nothing" notwithstanding), but recently I've had cause to hear about the future and be more concerned about the present.

I have a homeowner problem that like all such problems, is way beyond my limited skills: a crack in the concrete slab which "porches" our house, apparently caused by a very large and old tree growing way too close to this slab.

This is not a water-leaking-into-the-house problem. This is a structural-type problem identified by a home appraiser whom I've paid for – but not bought, to process a mortgage refinance.

Given the two-week time-frame during which I was expecting to schedule this assessment – considering the time-sensitivity of these applications, I was flabbergasted to learn that my expectations were totally unreasonable. Two weeks! I might as well have been asking for two months, which is what I ended up getting.

After hearing the nearly identical appointment-unavailability story multiple times, and getting increasingly frustrated and impatient at the unlikely timely resolution of my problem – in my lifetime (no joke), I finally heard from a company that was able to schedule an appointment which they did so with an apparent straight face (as much as I could glean over the phone): "I can have someone to your house on Oct. 25." I snickered.

"October 25! That's two months," I said. ("I could be dead by then," I said to myself.) To the woman I said, "No. I need someone sooner, in the next week or so. Good-bye." (I made this call on Aug. 21.)

When I hung up the phone I started laughing at what I didn't say and why I hadn't said it. Being that I have stage IV lung cancer, I am not exactly on firm footing.

I didn't say to the woman that I could be dead by then because those words were, figuratively speaking, a bit too close to my literal reality. It was a case of fiction being a bit too close to fact and my mouth actually being able to cash that check.

In addition to providing fodder for this column, my calls to miscellaneous home improvement/concrete/foundation repair companies left me not high, still dry, but totally unrequited. I needed help. I put myself out there and received practically nothing in return. It is a lesson I'll take to the grave.

I don't want to sound unreasonable because I still think I'm of sound mind (not so much sound body), but being diagnosed with cancer does, at least in my experience, move up your timeline, so to speak. There's a certain amount of patience and accommodation that is totally ripped from your subconscious.

When your life is in jeopardy, dealing with the daily double: life and death, becomes extraordinarily difficult, regardless of whether your answers are in the form of questions. The uncertainty of it all is very off-putting. Sometimes, you don't know whether you're coming or going.

Trying to live a "normal" life under these kinds of constraints – and restraints – can make Jack a very dull boy. And very often this dullness manifests itself in one's inflexibility.

When your life is at stake, it's nearly impossible to act as if it isn't. Your brain seemingly gets rewired and re-purposed. As much as you attempt to retain your old and familiar self, this newer cancer-affected version slowly takes over.

You're not exactly in "The Twilight Zone," but "imagine if you will" at age 54 and a half, expecting to live into your mid-80s as both your parents did, instead being told that you have "13 months to two years" to live?

Though I've taken it mostly in stride and lived way beyond my oncologist's expectations, to say one's stride is not changed by the experience is to give naivete a whole new meaning. (Not to mention the fact that the neuropathy in both my feet makes walking extremely difficult.) Nevertheless, life goes on.

As such, as much as I want to plan for the future, sometimes, it's the present for which I need to plan.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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